

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said coated metal strip B is post-heated after it is fed over said support roller (1").
4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said polymer composition P is applied by rolling said composition between an applicator roller (2") with a deformable surface and said strip B bearing on said support roller (1").
5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said polymer composition is applied in the solid state in the form of a film.
6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said polymer composition is applied in the molten state.
9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said polymer composition P is a thermosetting composition and in that, after application, the polymer composition of the coating of the strip B is cured.
10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that said polymer composition P is a thermoplastics composition and in that said coated strip B is cooled after application and after the strip B has escaped from contact with said support roller (1").
12. (Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the surface of said applicator roller (2") is cooled directly.
13. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that it further includes a step in which a polymer composition P" is applied to the internal face Bi of the strip.

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18. (Amended) A device according to claim 16, characterized in that it includes additional means (6, 8) for post-heating the coated strip B on the feed path of the strip and downstream of said support roller (1").

19. (Amended) A device according to claim 16, characterized in that said application means include an applicator roller (2") with a deformable surface bearing indirectly on said support roller (1") through the intermediary of said strip B so as to form rolling means in conjunction with said roller.

23. (Amended) A device according to claim 16, characterized in that said application means include means for extruding said composition P in the molten state.

24. (Amended) A device according to claim 16, characterized in that it includes means for cooling the strip on the feed path of the strip and downstream of said support roller (1").

27. (Amended) A device according to claim 16 for coating the external face Be of a metal strip B, characterized in that it further includes means for coating the internal face Bi.

30. (Amended) A device according to claim 28, characterized in that it includes a pair of cooling rollers (4, 4") downstream of said support roller (1") and the successive rollers (4', 4") are disposed so that the coated faces Bi and Be of the strip come alternately into direct contact with the rollers (4, 4").